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Application No.: 09/270,983 Examiner: R. Hutson
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Title: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING PROTEASES, PROTEASE TARGET
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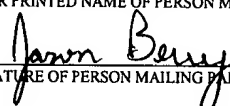
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed on even date herewith. This Preliminary Amendment addresses issues raised in the Office Action mailed July 3, 2001 and the Advisory Action, mailed October 24, 2001.

Therefore, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examination of the Continuing Prosecution Application submitted herewith.

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